

Minutes
Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
August 27, 2014

Members Present

Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair
Senator Ben Clark
Senator Rick Gunn
Senator Jeff Tarte

Representative Julia Howard, Chair
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Bryan Holloway
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Tim Moffitt
Representative Edgar Starnes
Representative Justin Burr

Call to Order

Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Senator Ben Clark moved to approve the July 16, 2014 *Minutes*. Motion carried.

Senator Hartsell provided members a *Railway News* article about the Freight Rail and Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Fund, which was established last year. The fund uses dividends the state receives from the North Carolina Railroad Company to support projects that improve freight service and rail safety. These annual dividends of over \$3 million resulted from a Program Evaluation Division report *North Carolina Should Require NC Railroad Company to Pay an Annual Dividend and Strengthen Reporting* (October 2012) and legislation recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee.

Representative Howard moved to authorize chairs to appoint a subcommittee of JLPEOC to examine the issues related to the March 2013 PED report *Options for Creating a Separate Department of Medicaid Require Transition Planning* as well as the Medicaid State plan and issues related to restructuring and health reform. Senator Gunn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Members appointed to serve on this subcommittee are: Senators Clark, Hartsell, Hise, and Tarte; and Representatives Howard, Burr, Carney and Starnes.

Presentations

Senator Hartsell recognized Representative Charles Graham and Gary Strickland, Public Information Officer for the Lumbee Tribe. They reported a series of improvements occurring and planned for the newly named Lumbee Tribal Cultural Complex, formerly the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. The improvements were made possible by S.L. 2013-186, which terminated the lease between the State and the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., for the Indian Cultural Center site and allowed for transfer ownership from the State to the Lumbee Tribe, as recommended by JLPEOC based on recommendations from the December 2012 PED report *Options for the Indian Cultural Center Will Allow the Site to Meet its Cultural, Recreational, and Economic Development Intent*.

Senator Hartsell recognized Beth Wood, State Auditor, to report on the June 2014 audit, *Department of Administration Division of Purchase and Contract Financial Related Audit—Office Supplies Term Contract Audit Follow-Up*.

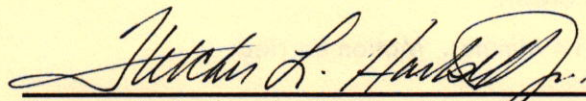
Senator Hartsell recognized Bill Daughtridge, Secretary of the Department of Administration, to describe departmental improvements addressing the audit findings.

Senator Hartsell recognized John Turcotte, Director of the Program Evaluation Division, to review the status of legislation recommended by the Joint Committee.

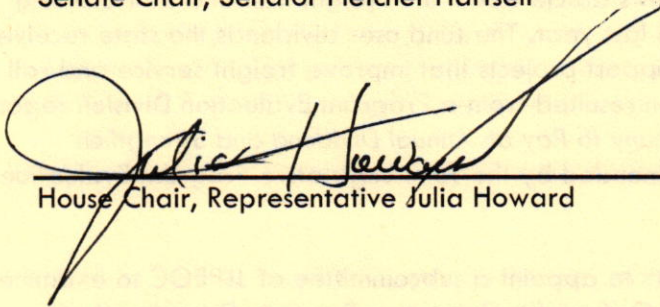
Senator Hartsell recognized Carol Shaw, Principal Program Evaluator, to review the Program Evaluation Division status report and project reporting schedule. She also described two work plan projects that were requested by special provision in S.L. 2014-100 to be initiated at the discretion of JLPEOC—one related to the Office of the Medical Examiner and the other a study of potential advantages and disadvantages of redirecting revenue earmarked for alcoholism or substance abuse research, treatment or education from DHHS to the ABC Commission, which if authorized by JLPEOC would require a PED report by February 1, 2015. Senator Hartsell stated that the S.L. 2014-100 requests may be considered by the Medicaid and Health subcommittee for a recommendation or could be considered directly by the full JLPEOC at a future meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned.



Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell



House Chair, Representative Julia Howard